Dear Sir july 23 1778

I Have not wrote you so soon as I should have done, if I had known where to have dir-ected to you, but your kind favours of july 6 & 10 which reached me yesterday leaves me no longer at a loss I will not leave you any longer in Suspence with regard to your Worthy Parent who has happily recovered from the Small pox I omitted writing before not being willing to tell you that he had so plentifull a portion of the disease as he really had, he is very cleverly since, your Mam-ma is exceeding anxious about your Health, & fears that troublesome humor will be cliftmctive to it Let me at the same time add a caution to you at this very Hot Season of the year. do not by carelesness or indif-erction rob your parents of a darling Son, Some worthy girl of a Defiring tender partner, and the world of a promiseing and usefull citizen, —

What Says my young Friend, I have never inquired into this matter yet? Have you in youth or prenfilviana found a favourd object? your remarks have been hasty wholy confined to your own Sex, not a Female has been mentiond any more than if you were intirely excluded from

them, diffident as you were, there are some attractions sufficient to draw your attention, Have you found no striking characters, no Ladies of literature, ! come sir shew your faculty at discription & let me know the accomplishments of the fair sex in that part of the world,

I am very sorry that General Lee should disgrace himself & the cause he is engaged in my opinion of him, was that he was a Friend to the rights of Mankind & a Lover of Liberty where ever he found it without any particular attachment to one country or climate more than an other,

" Honour is a sacred tie.
The noble mind's distinguishing perfection" if he has forfeited that I know not what hold we can have of him, his principals with regard to religion were rather loose I believe, ——

I rejoice with every citizen in their return to the city, and hope from the ascendant you give that it is throughly purified, —

write me an account of the French Ambassadors arrival & every other occurance you meet with worth communicating, the congratulations of my Friends were never more agreable to me, I have indubitable proofs of his safe arrival by two Letters

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under his own Hand, & Letters from Master John
they had rather a disagreable Voyage but arrived at
Bordeaux the beginning of April. the 4 Sit off for Paris
and arived there in 4 days the distance 400 & 50 o
miles; Master John writes that he is placed at a
School in Paris, where the discipline is pretty Strict,
his Grandpa resides about 2 miles out of town with
Dr Franklin at Passy the Letters relative to their
voyage I lost, the vessel being taken the Letters were
thrown over — and now Sir I dare say you think
I feel happy, comparitively I do — but this is a state
of restless anxiety — and I find a "Gnawing void
left aching in my breast" — my Situation is
Lonesome, miss Cabby is at School in Boston, my self
& two Children & two Domesticks comprise my family which used to
consist of more than a dozen —

Tis reported here that
Mr H — h is returning out of Health — is it really
or politically so? did he expect an offer, which
he never made himself — I fancy he did. and his
Disease is mortification, a little of it will do no injury

we Have lost one of our neighbours since you left us, mr Bass died this week with
the Small pox in the natural way, my Father

and it very lightly was not absent quite 3 weeks

Mr Hardwick begs me to write and ask the favour of you to purchase him one hundred of needles such as fit for his Buttreps & enclose them to me by whom he will remit the money let it be what it will — I send forward by this conveyance Letters which have lain more than a week because we knew not how to direct —

Master Charles & Tommy send their regards, I expect to take a journey to Haverhill next week, where I have not yet been present my regards to our L— l with thanks for his favour conveyed by you — I shall find some excuse or other to scribble to soon him I suppose, I place a high value upon his Letters tho he will like the rest of you flatter — —

are you in the same office you first went into ! How has your regulating act succeeded ? is the price of things more moderate in philidelphia than in york Town, our Currency what shall we do with it ? Lawfull money is not so good as old tennor used to be, my paper reminds me that its time to close assuring you that I am great regard

your friend Nortn

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